

**Abstract**—The purpose of this study was to determine if there were differences in the prevalence of musculoskeletal disorders among different types of workers. Data from the National Longitudinal Study of the Adolescent Health Survey were used to examine self-reported musculoskeletal symptoms among adolescents who had worked during the previous year. The results showed that the prevalence of musculoskeletal symptoms was higher among those who had worked in non-manual occupations than among those who had worked in manual occupations. This finding suggests that the risk of developing musculoskeletal disorders may be related to the type of work performed.

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